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A California man handed the Soviet Union a huge "wind-fall of intelligence" about the USA's missile defense system before his arrest, the government said Monday.

The "pounds" of documents handed over to the Soviets since 1975 reportedly detail USA attempts to allow Minuteman missiles to survive a Soviet nuclear "first strike."

The FBI told a federal court in San Francisco that more than 100 defense secrets were peddled to the Soviets through Polish agents by James Durward Harper Jr., 49, for pay-

ments totaling \$250,000.

An Army missile expert said the value of the secret information to the Soviets "is beyond calculation."

The Minuteman III system — located in silos in Wyoming, Nebraska, North Dakota and Montana — is the USA's most advanced land-based one.

The Soviets placed high value on the information, the FBI said: Then KGB-chief Yuri Andropov commended agents twice after shipments of information were in hand.

The FBI said a Polish double agent told it a "team of about 20 KGB analysts and engineers was dispatched by plane from

Moscow to Warsaw to evaluate the importance and authenticity of the material."

The FBI claims Harper was introduced in 1975 to two unnamed people with a "shopping list" of high technology information wanted.